



From the Director

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Executive Director

VIOLATION TRENDS

The Board has encountered a rash of violations in the following four areas:

(1) Political subdivisions who disregard the Louisiana State Contractors' License Law relative to unlicensed contractors bidding on public construction projects and then entering into contracts with unlicensed construction contractors.

(2) Political subdivisions entering into multiple subcontracts with both licensed and unlicensed contractors when the political subdivision is prohibited by law from being issued a contractor's license; thereby, "acting as a contractor" without a licensed contractor functioning as the responsible and liable party on the project under construction.

(3) High technology firms providing a diversity of services which require traditional construction operations such as computer, environmental, and fiber-optic systems among others. Many of these projects contain a conglomerate of entities selling, distributing, financing, contracting, and subcontracting construction activities and the regulation of such work becomes confused.

(4) State agencies and political subdivisions circumventing the Contractors' License Law by utilizing their own work forces and attempting to utilize the "crisis" scenario as a defense.

The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors has remained solid in its interpretation of its legislative statutes and mandates and have found related parties and political subdivisions guilty of violating LA R.S. 37:2150-2173, the Louisiana State Contractors' License Law and its Rules and Regulations.

According to LA R.S. 37:2150, the purpose of enacting this Chapter is the protection of the health, safety, and general welfare of all those persons dealing with persons engaged in the contracting vocations, and the affording of such persons of an effective and practical protection against the incompetent, inexperienced, unlawful, and fraudulent acts of contractors with whom they contract. Furthermore, the legislative intent is that the State Licensing Board for Contractors shall monitor construction projects to ensure compliance with the licensure requirements of this Chapter.

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All residential and commercial licenses expire on December 31, 2000. Renewal application forms will be mailed to all contracting firms in November. Those renewals completed and returned which are postmarked **after** January 1, 2001 will be considered unlicensed as of January 1 and those firms will be unable to bid, contract, or perform work which requires a license until the 2001 license is issued. **PLEASE** read all instructions before completing and **MAIL EARLY**.

RESIDENTIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

Four (4) hours of continuing education earned in the year 2000 are required for **each** qualifying party for licensed residential building contractors, with the exception of contractors **initially** licensed after May 31, 2000. Information received by the Board regarding continuing education opportunities is forwarded to the Louisiana Homebuilders Association for publication on their website at www.lhba.org.

Acceptable continuing education opportunities deal with such topics as management or construction in the areas of Building Codes and Standards; Building Technology; Business Management, Finance and Banking; Land Development, Site Planning and Zoning; Project Management; Sales and Marketing; Scheduling; Financial Management; Land Acquisition & Develop-

ment; Negotiating; etc. Virtually any topic which can reasonably be considered to be pertinent to the business of residential construction is acceptable. Any questions regarding the acceptability of a continuing education opportunity should be addressed to Ms. Bertha Jenkins of the Residential Section. The continuing education requirement became effective with the 2000 renewal. Numerous contractors requested assistance from the Board in locating providers. Although the Board desires to assist contractors in every way possible, it is important to note that the Board **DOES NOT ENDORSE** continuing education providers. Contractors are not restricted or prohibited from attending continuing education conducted by **ANY** provider whose course content meets the above guidelines.

ROSTER OF CONTRACTORS

The names of contractors whose licenses are issued effective January 1 of each year are published in the *Roster of Contractors*. Supplements to the roster are published with the names of contractors who renew licenses, make changes to their licenses, or are initially licensed after the *Roster of Contractors* or previous supplements are published. The first supplement may be found in the back of the *Roster of Contractors*. Additional supplements are mailed separately, usually on a quarterly basis.

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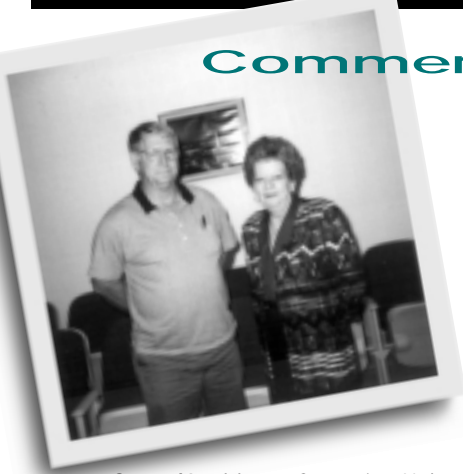
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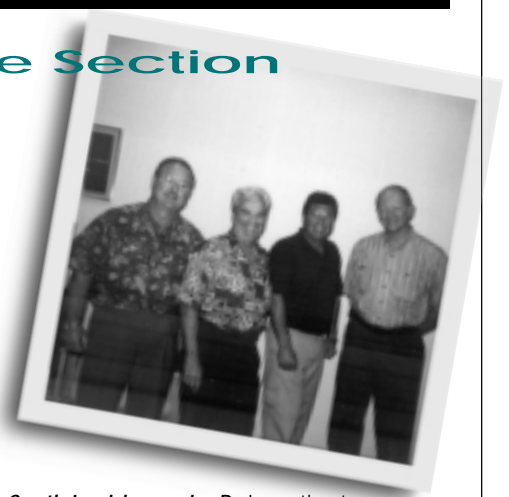
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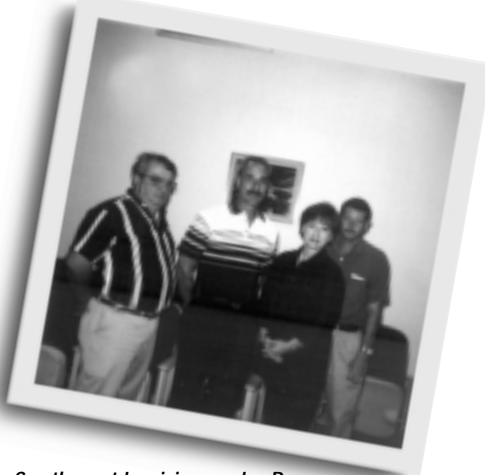
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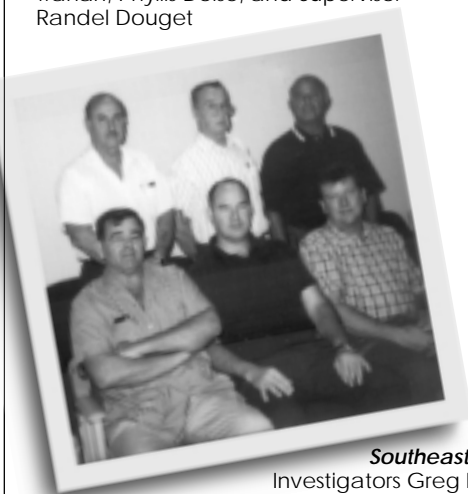
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Office Staff - L - R: Bonnie Dawson, Rosie Landry, Cheryl Duplechain, Compliance Director Jan Alexander, and Investigator Kathy Mobley.

The Commercial Compliance Section is headed by Compliance Director Jan Alexander. There are nineteen (19) compliance investigators assigned to specific areas of the state. Investigators attend public bid lettings; visit architects, engineers, and all public bodies; and make routine job site visits. Written reports are completed on each contact. Approximately 2200 reports are submitted monthly for processing by the office staff. The average number of monthly reports per region are as follows: Alexandria - 315; Baton Rouge - 800; Lake Charles - 525; New Orleans - 400; Shreveport - 280. Over 2000 formal complaints of possible violations of the Contractor's License Law are received and investigated annually.

Disciplinary Actions of State Licensing Board

May 2000

Commercial

Ramses Construction Corporation

Shreveport, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. License revoked, fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Mark Irabor and/or Happy Kids Corporation

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

AI Eden

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and a blanket cease and desist order issued.

Residential

Maher, Mark

Metairie, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Brosset, Marvin

Destrehan, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Davis, David

Destrehan, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Thornhill, Michael

Hammond, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Pitre, Mitchell

Opelousas, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

B. P. Builders, Inc.

Opelousas, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to construct a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. License placed on supervised probation for six (6) months, fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

J. D. & S. Construction

Iowa, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Guilty plea. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Miller, Peter

Metairie, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found not guilty.

Oglesby, Charles

Monroe, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found not guilty.

Desormeaux, E. R., Incorporated

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

HKR, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

Hebert, Donald, Construction

Thibodaux, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty.

Southern Traces, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

Stafford-One Construction Corporation

Gretna, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended.

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Webb Construction, Inc.

Haughton, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

June 2000

Commercial

Orleans Parish School Board

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Awarding a contract to an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. No action taken.

Cohesive Network Systems/Exodus Communications, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Systegration, Inc.

Kenner, Louisiana

Allegation: Entering into a contract with an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

W. A. Carruth, Jr., Contractor

Alexandria, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. No action taken.

Tim Brown Builders

Woodworth, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in the amount of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

John D. Bailey

Sulphur, Louisiana

Allegation: Allowing license to be used by an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. License placed on probation with the stipulation that Mr. Bailey must report to the staff monthly, fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Baltimore Aircoil Company, Inc.

Baltimore, Maryland

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Allowed sixty (60) days to register a qualifying party or license automatically suspended.

Fairbanks Scales, Inc.

Kansas City, Missouri

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Classifications of Specialty: Power Plants and Specialty: Underground Electrical Conduit Installation removed from license.

Kulaga Construction Co., Inc.

DeRidder, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Classification of Building Construction removed from license.

Residential

21st Century Construction and Development, Inc.

Clinton, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Holland, Robert "Bob"

Clinton, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found not guilty.

Palmer, William

Denham Springs, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Darensbourg, Elliot J.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Oliver, Michael

Magnolia, Mississippi

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found not guilty.

Edwards, Herbert Clyde

Springhill, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Noble, Jan

Gonzales, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found not guilty.

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Schilling, Gregory S.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found not guilty.

D. D. J. Construction Company, Inc.

Geismar, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. License surrendered.

J. D. Developers, Ltd.

Youngsville, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

Dapco, Inc.

Slidell, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance coverage.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease desist order issued.

Lormand Electrical Service, Ltd.

Crowley, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

Moran, M. D. Contractor, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

Snyder of Louisiana, Incorporated

Breaux Bridge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance.

Action: License surrendered.

Spurlock Construction Co., Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance.

Action: Found guilty. No penalty assessed.

Wall Systems, Inc.

Breaux Bridge, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended.

July 2000

Commercial

Norman Parent Contractor

Metairie, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to satisfy a judgment.

Action: Allowed 90 days to satisfy judgment or license automatically suspended.

Daniels Welding & Construction, Inc.

Cameron, Louisiana

Allegation: Acting as a contractor without possessing a license to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

LeDoux Trucking & Equipment, Inc.

Washington, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to register a qualifying party.

Action: Allowed 30 days to register a qualifying party or license automatically suspended.

Jefferson Parish Council

Jefferson, Louisiana

Allegation: Accepting a bid from an unlicensed contractor to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000.

Action: Found guilty. No action taken.

Azurix North America

Ontario, Canada

Allegation: Submitting a bid to perform work in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without possessing a license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Residential

Cottonport Building Supply, Inc.

Cottonport, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to satisfy an executory judgment.

Action: Given sixty (60) days to satisfy judgment or license automatically suspended.

Amazing Homes, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and cease and desist order issued.

Ramirez, Luis

Clinton, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

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Johnson, Jim

Lafayette, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined, assessed all costs associated with the proceedings and cease and desist order issued.

Hebert, David

Vinton, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Prestige Builders

Vinton, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Yount, George

Haughton, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Creekside Developers, Inc.

Haughton, Louisiana

Allegations: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and associated all costs associated with the proceedings.

Concept Properties, Inc.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Adams, Lawrence

Prairieville, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing a residence in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Chavers, Jerald E.

Tickfaw, Louisiana

Allegation: Constructing multiple residences in an amount in excess of \$50,000 without a State residential license.

Action: Found guilty. Fined and assessed all costs associated with the proceedings.

Bertrand, Richard D.

LeBlanc, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance.

Action: Found guilty. Licensed suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

Kane Contracting & Properties

Carencro, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

Kueter Co., Inc.

New Orleans, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

Mathis Construction

Dubach, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

Montgomery Trace Development Corporation

Mandeville, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability and worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended and given thirty (30) days to surrender license or fined and cease and desist order issued.

Rosenblath, Fred J.

Shreveport, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current general liability insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended and given thirty (30) days to surrender license or fined and cease and desist order issued.

Sanders Construction

Franklinton, Louisiana

Allegation: Failure to maintain current worker's compensation insurance.

Action: Found guilty. License suspended, fined and cease and desist order issued.

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